# Temagami First Nation's Four Pillars Initiative

We are excited to share a new initiative—we are creating a Four Pillars Strategic Plan to shape our future using settlement funds—our voice matters!

#### What is this Initiative?

This initiative is a **community-led** four pillars strategic plan to use settlement funds to support the **Four Pillars of Language, Culture, Heritage, and Wellness.** With your input and involvement, we will create a **10-year strategy** focused on our unique needs and priorities. The goal is to create a 10-year **community-driven** plan that ensures settlement funds are used to address our priorities, providing long-term benefits for our Nation.

What Settlement Funds?

The settlement funds come from the Band Reparations Class Action, led by Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Shíshálh Nation with support from the Grand Council of the Crees, addresses the collective harm to Indigenous communities caused by Indian Residential Schools, resulting in the Government of Canada allocating \$2.8 billion to the Four Pillars Society to support Language, Culture, Heritage, and Wellness for 325 class members across Canada.

#### What are the Four Pillars?

Revival and protection of Indigenous languages;

Revival and protection of Indigenous cultures;

Wellness for Indigenous communities and their members;

Promotion and protection of heritage.

"Our Voice, Our Future: Join the Journey to Shape Our Community's Four Pillars Plan!



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### The Four Pillars

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#### What is the Four Pillars Society?

The Four Pillars Society (FPS) is a not-for-profit organization responsible for investing and distributing the **2.8 billion settlement funds** over a **20-year period** to the **325 First Nation Communities who opted-in**. The board is made up of 8 board members with 7 members being Indigenous. FPS has initiated the release of the planning funds to communities to develop their **10 year Four Pillar plans**.

#### How does the Funding work?

The Four Pillars Society manages the \$2.8 billion settlement fund, ensuring it is invested and distributed sustainably over the next 20 years. First Nation Communities will receive funding annually to support locally-driven projects that align with the Four Pillars: Language, Culture, Heritage, and Wellness, with a final payout at the end of the 20 years.

## How do I get Involved?

Get involved by joining focus groups, completing a survey, attending discussions, and staying updated through the BI Blast, TFN social media & TFN website. This is all part of our community involvement plan to ensure our voices are heard and we are included in the decision-making process.

Keep an eye out for grant a full article in the BI Blast and more info coming in January 2025!

#### Four Pillar Plan Milestones

December 2024 Start-Up January 2025 Needs -**Assessment** February 2025 March 2025 & Community Involvement March 2025 Joint April 2025 **Planning** 10 Year Plan April 2025 Development May 2025

About the Planning Team

We've partnered with **MacLeod Farley & Associates (MFA),** to develop the 10-year strategic plan. **Robin Potts** is part of the MFA team who is the lead for community engagement. For more info contact Robin at <a href="mailto:rkpotts@gmail.com">rkpotts@gmail.com</a> or cell: 705-499-0093